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PATENT

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The application of: Maurice R. De Billot, et al. Confirmation No.: 8087

Application No.: 10/026,301 Group No.: 1617

Filed: December 19, 2001 Examiner: Abigail Manda Cotton

For: METHOD OF IMPROVING
YIELD AND VIGOR OF PLANTS

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
(37 C.F.R. § 1.114)

1. Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, for the above identified application.

TIME REQUEST IS BEING MADE

2. This request is being submitted:
 - i. Prior to abandonment of the application.

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Date: July 12, 2007

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ENCLOSURES

3. Enclosed herewith is:

An amendment.

FEE FOR REQUEST (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)).

4. This application is on behalf of other than small entity.

Continued Prosecution Request Fee: 790.00

FEE FOR CLAIMS

5. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

(Col.1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	ADDIT. FEE
TOTAL	28	- 28 = 0	x \$ 50.00 = \$ 0.00
INDEP.	1	- 3 = 0	x \$ 200.00 = \$ 0.00
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM		+ \$ 360.00	= \$ 0.00
		TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	\$ 0.00

No additional fee for claims is required.

EXTENSION OF TIME

6. The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply.

Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this is a conditional petition and authorization to pay the necessary fees to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

TOTAL FEE(S) DUE

7. The total fee(s) due is/are:

Continued Prosecution Fee (Section 1.17(e))	\$790.00
Fee(s) for additional claims (Section 1.16(b)-(d))	\$0.00
Total Fee(s) Due:	\$790.00

PAYMENT OF FEE(S) DUE

8. Please pay the fee(s) for this continued examination application as follows:

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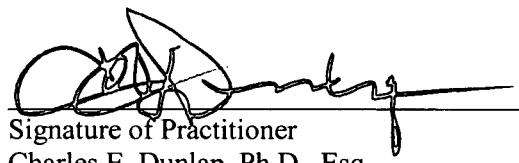
INVENTORSHIP

9. This application as amended names as inventors the same inventors as previously designated for the claims.

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FEE TRANSMITTAL For FY 2007

 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$ 790.00)

Complete if Known

Application Number	10/026,301 Conf.# 8087
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First Named Inventor	Maurice R. De Billot, et al.
Examiner Name	Abigail Manda Cotton
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METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES

Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

Multiple dependent claims

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)
28	- 75 HP = 0	x	= \$.00		50	25
HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.					200	100
Indep. Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)		360	180
1	- 9 IP = 0	x	= \$.00	Multiple Dependent Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)

HP = highest number of independent claims paid for, if greater than 3.

3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE

If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper (excluding electronically filed sequence or computer listings under 37 CFR 1.52(e)), the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).

Total Sheets	Extra Sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
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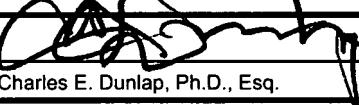
4. OTHER FEE(S)

Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)

Other (e.g., late filing surcharge): Request for Continued Examination (RCE) \$790.00

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